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SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST OF BENJAMIN MAYNIGO

REFS: A) KUALA LUMPUR 6535, B) MANILA 17611,
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1. DEPARTMENT CANNOT PREJUDGE ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS OF MAYNIGO AND JUMAT GROUPS FOR ADMISSION INTO US. MALAYSIA; AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT USG UNABLE TO CONSIDER QUESTION UNTIL APPLICANTS HAVE APPEARED IN PERSON AND BEEN INTERVIEWED. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CERTAIN THAT MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES UNDERSTAND THAT USG DOES NOT AND WILL NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE PEOPLE PENDING ULTIMATE DECISION ON THEIR APPLICATIONS.

2. CAN EMBASSY SHED LIGHT ON RELUCTANCE OF MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES TO TAKE GROUP TO KUALA LUMPUR? ARE FEAR OF
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PUBLICITY AND/OR COST OF TRANSPORTATION FACTORS? IF SO,

YOU MIGHT SUGGEST BRINGING THE TWO MALE HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD, MAYNIGO AND JUMAT, TO OUR EMBASSY AT KUALA LUMPUR FOR AN INTERVIEW TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY MIGHT QUALIFY FOR DOCUMENTATION TO TRAVEL TO US. (FYI: WE WOULD NOT AGREE TO SENDING EMBASSY OFFICER FROM KUALA LUMPUR TO INTERVIEW THEM IN SABAH. END FYI)

3. IF THERE ARE MEMBERS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF OBLATE ORDER IN MALAYSIA, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES THAT JUMAT BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH THEM. KISSINGER

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